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Mr. Wayne Nastri
U.S. EPA
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA

Dear Mr. Nastri:

We would like to invite you to speak at our Perchlorate Meeting that will be located at the Blue Water Resort and Casino in Parker, Arizona. The attached agenda will explain most of the details for you.

Because this is a Co-Authored meeting between Torres Martinez and U.S. EPA we feel that you should be one of the main participants to head up this meeting.

We would further request that your Superfund Division Representatives, Mr. Keith Takata, Mr. Joel Jones and Mr. Kevin Meyer be allowed to participate, speak and serve on a panel for questions.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request.

Sincerely,

Raymond Torres
Tribal Chairman

Attachments

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***Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian Tribe and the
Environmental Protection Agency Region IX
Invitation to***

**TRIBAL CONCERNS PERCHLORATE CONTAMINATION
CONFERENCE**

The Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian Tribe and the Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, are conducting a two-day conference for tribes on September 9 and 10, 2003, at the Blue Water Resort and Casino Conference Center, Parker, Arizona.

The purpose of the conference is to provide tribes with information on the Perchlorate contamination that has migrated from groundwater sources in Nevada and has been identified in drinking water, the Colorado River, and California and Arizona. The conference will also provide tribes with an opportunity to interact directly with the federal and state agencies that are investigating the extent of the contamination and conducting research on the human health and ecological effects of this contaminate. **Other outside participants are welcome and invited to attend.**

In addition, the conference will provide a mechanism to ensure that ongoing tribal participation is incorporated into the sampling, research, and information sharing processes. There is no conference registration fee, however, participants are responsible for their travel and per diem costs. Advance Registration is required and limited to the first 300 applicants.

Attached is a tentative agenda for your review. Please return the attached registration form to ensure there are enough conference information packets for all attendees. Please contact Debi Livesay, Environmental Planner, Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian Tribe at (760) 397-8145 if you have any questions.

Rooms are available at the Blue Water Resort and Casino, Parker, Arizona by calling (888) 243-3360. Their physical address is: 11300 Resort Drive, Parker, AZ 85344. Room rate is \$39.00 per night.



Registration Form



*Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian Tribe and the
Environmental Protection Agency Region IX
Present*

"Tribal Concerns Perchlorate Contamination Conference"

September 9 and 10, 2003

Hosted by

**Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian Tribe at the
Blue Water Resort and Casino Conference Center,
Parker, Arizona.**

Please fax registration to:

Debi Livesay

Fax: (760) 397-0607

Name: _____

Tribe/Agency: _____

Position/Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

**The *Tribal Concerns Perchlorate Contamination Conference* will be held
September 9 and 10, 2003, Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian Tribe at the
Blue Water Resort and Casino Conference Center, Parker, Arizona.**

**Travel and per diem costs are the responsibility of the tribal representative(s).
Seating is Limited to the first 300 applicants.
Advance Registration is required by August 5, 2003**



*Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian Tribe and the
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Present*

**TRIBAL CONCERNS PERCHLORATE CONTAMINATION
CONFERENCE**

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

8:00 – 5:00 p.m.

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Registration and Sign-In

Bingo Hall

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast Buffet

Bingo Hall

**GENERAL SESSION - DAY ONE
BINGO HALL**

9:00 a.m.

Moderator

❖ Debi Livesay, Torres Martinez Tribe

Invocation

❖ Colorado River Indian Tribe Tribal Representative

Welcome

❖ Ray Torres, Torres Martinez Tribal Chairman

10:00 a.m.

Background - Overview and History

□ The Perchlorate Contamination Challenge

10:30 p.m.

Occurrence – Location of Contamination

□ Conveyance of Perchlorate

11:00 p.m.

Health Effects and Toxicity

□ Background and Objectives on Ongoing Studies

12:00- 1:30 p.m.

LUNCH BUFFET

12:15 p.m.

Special Guest Speaker: To Be Announced

1:00 p.m.

Health Effects and Toxicity

- Background and Objectives of Ongoing Studies

2:00

Tribal Concerns Regarding Perchlorate

- Tribal Governments - Panel Discussion

5:00 p.m.

Day 1 – Adjourn

**CONFERENCE EVENING SOCIAL
Bingo Hall**

6:30 - 8:00 PM

CONFERENCE EVENING SOCIAL

- Networking Opportunities
- Light Food and Beverages (No Host Bar)

**Wednesday, September 10, 2003****8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.****8:00 - 9:00 a.m.****Breakfast Buffet****Bingo Hall****GENERAL SESSION - DAY TWO****Bingo Hall****9:00 a.m.****Opening Remarks**

- ❖ Debi Livesay, Torres Martinez Tribe

9:30 a.m.**Ecological Effects/Transport and Transformation**

- ❑ Ecological Impact/Transport and Transformation of Perchlorate
- ❑ Historical Studies of Perchlorate Effects
- ❑ Perspective on the Process and Issues of Ecological Risk Assessment

11:00**Analytical Methods**

- ❑ Maximum Level of Contamination

12:00- 1:30 p.m.**LUNCH BUFFET****12:15 p.m.****Special Guest Speaker: To Be Announced****1:30 p.m.****Peer Review and Regulatory Plans**

- ❑ Panel Discussion: Peer Review of Perchlorate Risk Assessment
 - ❖ State of California
 - ❖ State of Nevada
 - ❖ State of Arizona
 - ❖ Department of Defense
 - ❖ Natural Resource Defense Council
 - ❖ Member of the National Academy of Science
- ❑ The Safe Drinking Water Act and Perchlorate
 - ❖ EPA Region IX
 - ❖ EPA Washington DC

3:30 p.m.**Treatment Technology**

- ❑ Treatment Technologies for Perchlorate Reduction
- ❑ Biological Treatment of Perchlorate at Low Concentrations

- ☐ Perchlorate Treatment by Enhanced Coagulation, Oxidation and Membranes
- ☐ Future Perchlorate Treatment Studies

4:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

❖ Debi Livesay, Torres Martinez Tribe

4:45 p.m.

Closing Prayer

❖ Colorado River Indian Tribe Tribal Representative

5:00 a.m.

ADJOURN - Have a safe journey home!!